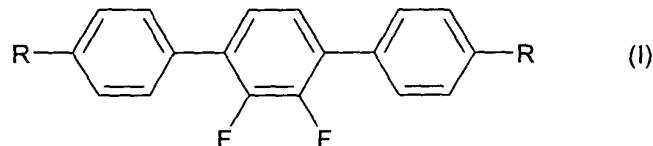


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A liquid-crystalline medium having a dielectric anisotropy $\Delta\epsilon$ of ≥ 3 , comprising compounds of formula (I)



in which

R, independently of one another, are each an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl radical having 1-15 or 2-15 carbon atoms respectively, in which one or more CH₂ groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent.

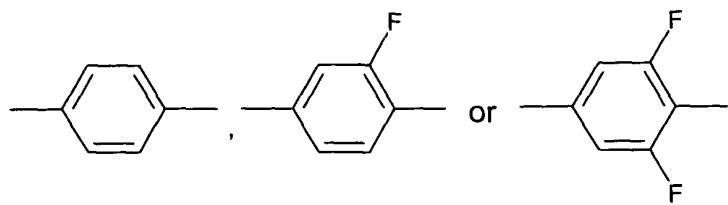
2. (Original) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 1, comprising:

- a) 1 to 50% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (I);
- b) 5 to 90% by weight of one or more compounds of formulae (II) to (V)



in which

a, b and c, independently of one another, can be



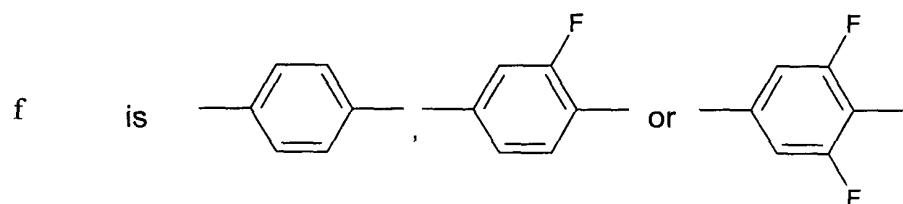
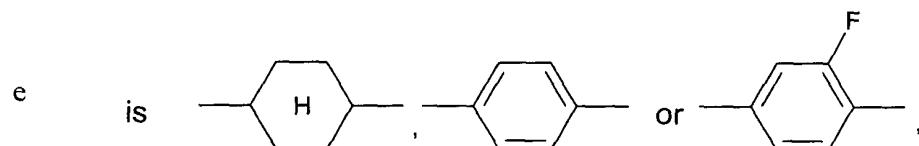
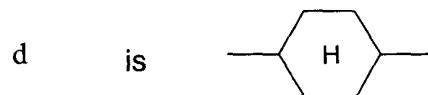
R is an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl radical having from 1 to 15 or 2 to 15 carbon atoms respectively, in which one or more CH₂ groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent,

X is -F, -OCF₃, -OCF₂H, -Cl or -CF₃, and

Z is a single bond or $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$:



in which

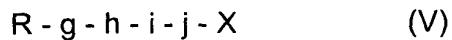


and X and R are as defined above:

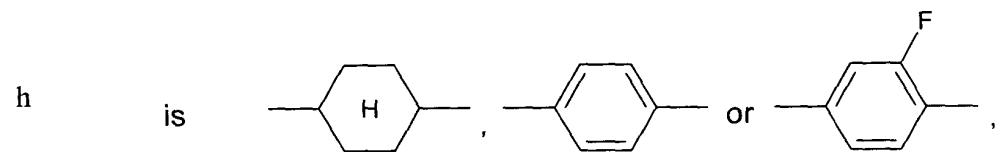
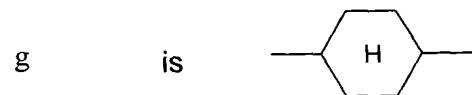


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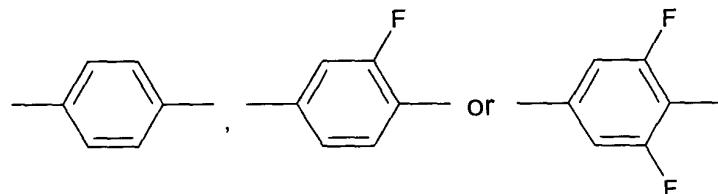
e, f, R and X are as defined above;



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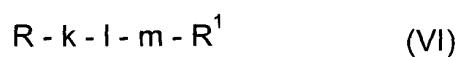


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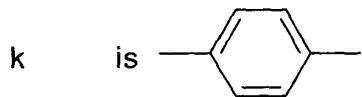


and R and X are as defined above;

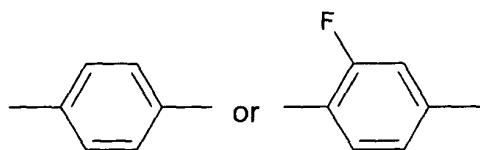
c) 0 to 30% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (VI)



in which



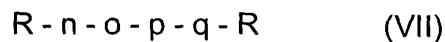
l and m, independently of one another, can be



R is as defined above, and

R^1 , is -F, -Cl, or an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl radical having 1-15 or 2-15 carbon atoms respectively, in which one or more CH_2 groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent;

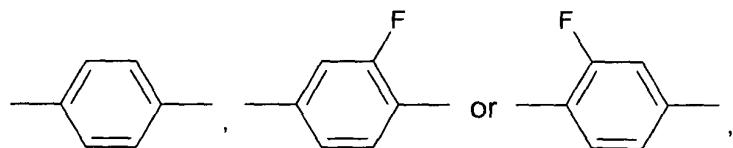
d) 0 to 30% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (VII)

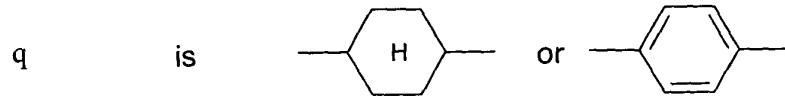


in which



o and p are each independently

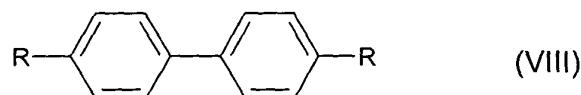




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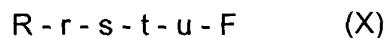
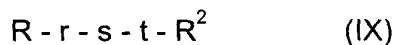
R are independent of one another and are as defined above; and

e) 0 to 40% by weight of one or more compounds of formulae (VIII), (IX) and/or (X)

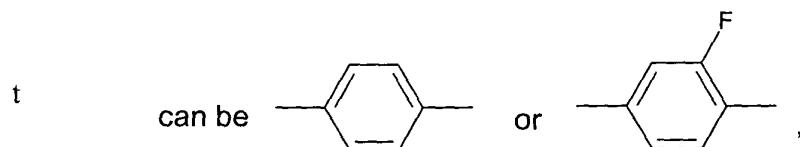


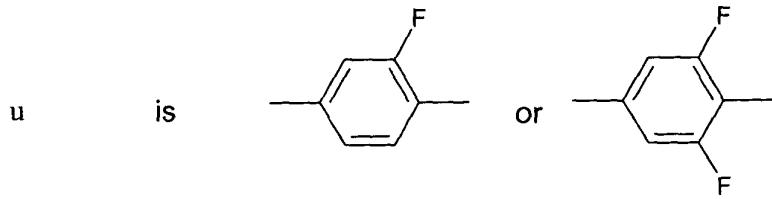
in which

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in which





R is as defined above, and

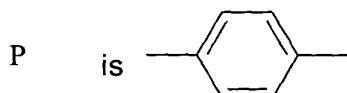
R^2 , is -F or an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl radical having 1-15 or 2-15 carbon atoms respectively, in which one or more CH_2 groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent;

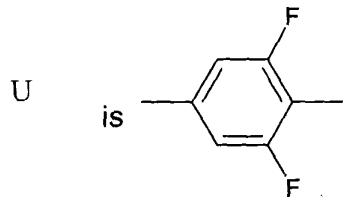
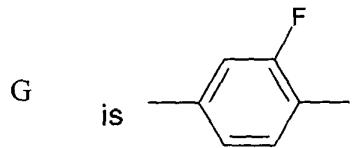
where the sum of components a) to e) is 100% by weight.

3. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein compounds of formula (II) are selected from the following compounds of (IIa) to (IIg)

$R - P - G - U - X$	(IIa)
$R - P - G - G - X$	(IIb)
$R - G - G - G - X$	(IIc)
$R - G - G - U - X$	(IId)
$R - G - G - P - X$	(IIe)
$R - G - P - G - X$	(IIf)
$R - G - P - E - P - X$	(IIg)

in which





E is -CH₂-CH₂-.

4. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1
~~one of Claims 1 to 3~~, wherein compounds of formulae (III) to (V) are selected
from the following compounds of formulae (IIIa) to (IIIf), (IVa) to (IVf) and (Va)
to (Vd), respectively,

$$\text{R} - \text{C} - \text{P} - \text{G} - \text{X} \quad (\text{IIIa})$$

R - C - P - U - X (IIIb)

$$\text{R} - \text{C} - \text{C} - \text{G} - \text{X} \quad (\text{IIIc})$$

$$\text{R} - \text{C} - \text{C} - \text{U} - \text{X} \quad (\text{III}d)$$

$$R - C - G - G - X \quad (IIIf)$$

R - G - U - X (IVa)

$$\text{R} - \text{G} - \text{G} - \text{X} \quad (\text{IVb})$$

R - P - U - X (IVc)

R - C - P - X (IVd)

R - C - G - X (IVe)

R - C - U - X (IVf)

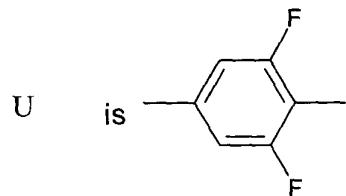
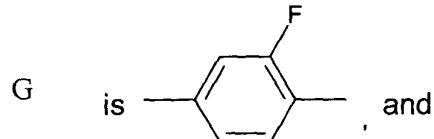
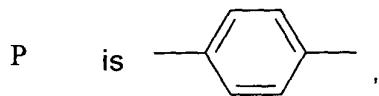
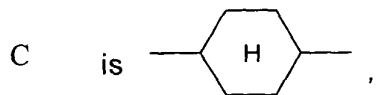
R - C - C - P - U - X (Va)

R - C - P - G - U - X (Vb)

R - C - P - G - G - X (Vc)

R - C - C - G - U - X (Vd)

in which



5. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 3 or 4, wherein, in the formulae (II) to (V),

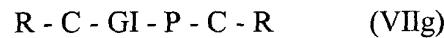
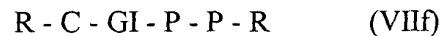
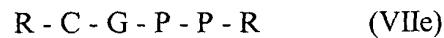
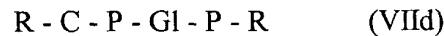
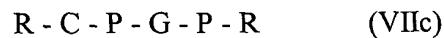
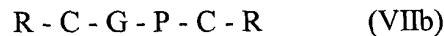
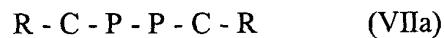
R is an alkyl radical having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms, and

X is -F or -Cl.

6. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1 to 5~~, wherein the compounds of formulae (VI) and (VII) are selected from the following compounds of the (VIa) to (VIc) and (VIIa) to (VIIg), respectively,

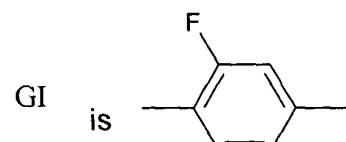
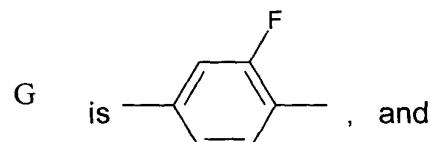
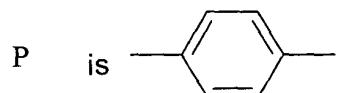
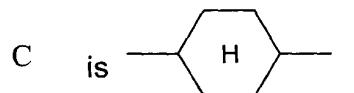
R - P - GI - GI - F (VIa)

R - P - GI - GI - Cl (VIb)



in which

R are each independent of one another,

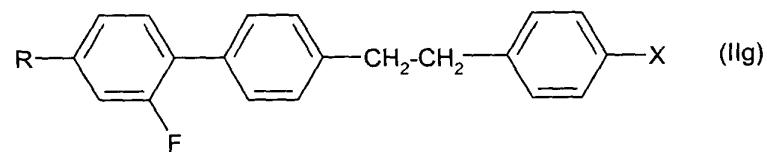
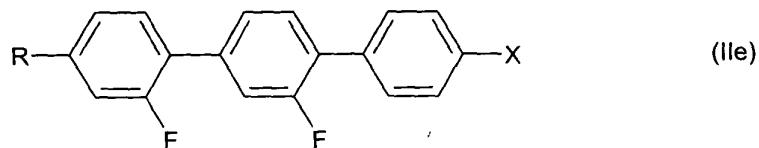


7. (Original) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 6, wherein R in the formulae (VI) and (VII) is an alkyl radical having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms.
8. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1 to 7~~, comprising

- a) 1 to 50% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (I),
- b) 5 to 90% by weight of one or more compounds of formulae (II) to (V),
- c) 0 to 30% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (VI),
- d) 0 to 20% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (VII),
- e) 0 to 50% by weight of one or more compounds of formulae (VIII), (IX) and/or (X),

where the sum of components a) to e) is 100% by weight.

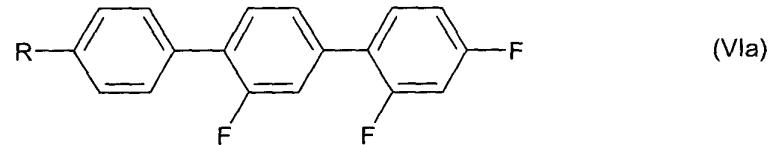
- 9. (Original) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 8, wherein component b) comprises,
 - b1) 20 to 80% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (II), and
 - b2) 80 to 20% by weight of one or more compounds of formulae (III) to (V),where the sum of components b1) and b2) is 100% by weight.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1 to 9~~, comprising
 - i) as compounds of formula (II), compounds of formulae (IIe) and/or (I Ig)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms, and X is Cl;

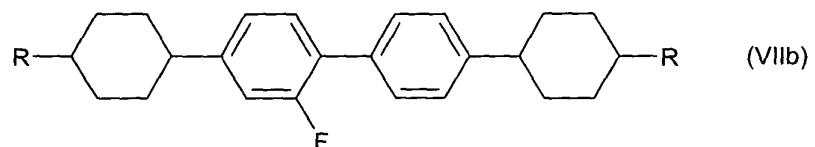
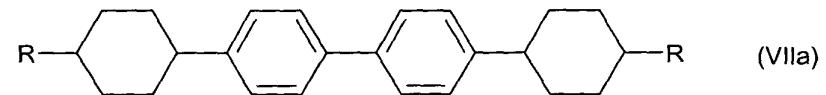
ii) as compounds of formula (VI), compounds of the formula (VIIa)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms;

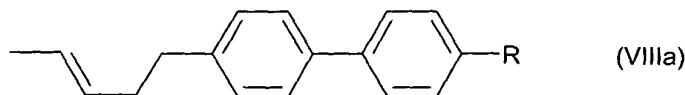
d) as compounds of formula (VII), compounds of formulae (VIIa) and/or (VIIb)



in which

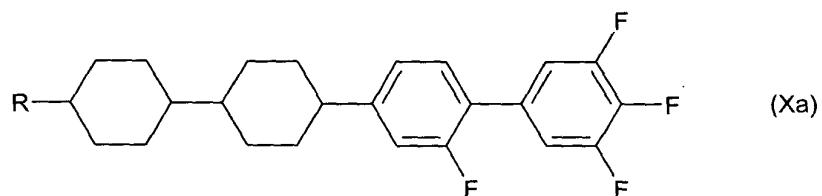
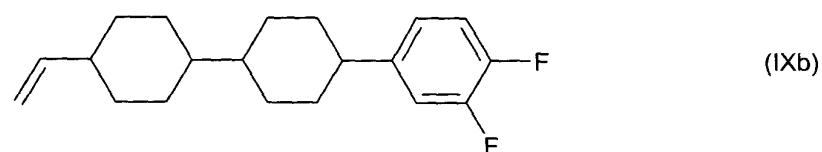
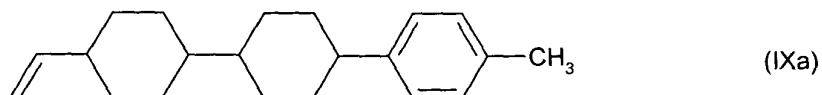
R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms; and

e) as compounds of formulae (VIII), (IX) and/or (X), one or more of the compounds of formulae (VIIa), (IXa), (IXb) and (Xa)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms,



in which

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms.

11. (Original) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 10, consisting essentially of compounds of the formulae

- a) (I)
- b) (IIe) and/or (I Ig)
- c) (VIa)
- d) (VIIa) and/or (VIIb)
- e) (VIII), (IXa), (IXb) and/or (Xa).

12. (Original) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 11, consisting essentially of:

- a) 1 - 50% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (I),
- b1) 5 - 50% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (IIe),
- b2) 5 - 50% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (I Ig),
- c) 0 - 30% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (VIa),
- d) 0 - 20% by weight of one or more compounds of the formulae (VIIa) and/or (VIIb),
- e1) 0 - 40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (VIIIa),
- e2) 0 - 40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formulae (IXa) and/or (IXb), and
- e3) 0 - 25% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (Xa).

13. (Original) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 12, consisting essentially of:

- a) 5 - 50% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (I),
- b1) 10 - 40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (IIe),
- b2) 10 - 40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (I Ig),
- c) 2 - 20% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (VIa),
- d) 2 - 15% by weight of one or more compounds of the formulae (VIIa) and/or (VIIb),
- e1) 5 - 20% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (VIIIa),
- e2) 5 - 30% by weight of one or more compounds of the formulae (IXa) and/or (IXb), and
- e3) 2 - 20% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (Xa).

14. (Currently Amended) In electro-optical display element containing a liquid-crystalline medium, the improvement wherein said medium is according to claim 1 one of Claims 1 to 13.